Office of Solid Waste



# **Environmental Fact Sheet**

#### OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE REORGANIZED—SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

Thanks to intensive efforts at all staff levels to streamline operations, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Solid Waste (OSW) is "new and improved." OSW's organizational culture is better designed to reflect and support the programmatic objectives of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The reorganization will result in:

- · increased emphasis on risk and economic assessment in RCRA decision-making;
- · a clear focus on nonhazardous industrial waste;
- · more employee empowerment;
- · enhanced customer service; and
- greater efficiency through teamwork and a flatter hierarchy.

The new OSW maintains the traditional structure of an office director, deputy director, and six divisions. Streamlining makes branch chiefs first line supervisors, and places section chiefs and deputy division directors in technical, nonsupervisory roles. A fresh component of the reorganization creates a team-based work environment where staff have the necessary authority to do their jobs. Standing teams and project teams will operate within and across branch and division lines, providing better continuity and customer service.

A detailed organizational chart is attached. Some divisions have been reorganized, renamed, or both, and a new division has been added.

The Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division (MISWD) is reconfigured and consolidated into three branches: Industrial and Extractive Wastes Branch (formerly special wastes branch in the Waste Management Division), Municipal Waste Reduction Branch, and Municipal Information and Analysis Branch.

Permits and State Programs Division (PSPD) reduces the number of branches from five to three: Permits Branch, Corrective Action Programs Branch, and Federal, State, and Tribal Programs Branch.

The Characterization and Assessment Division has been renamed to the *Hazardous Waste Identification Branch (HWID)*. HWID maintains three branches, which have been realigned to better reflect their work: Generator and Recycling Branch (formerly the Regulatory Development Branch), Waste Identification Branch, and International and Special Projects Branch (newly formed).

The Communications, Analysis, and Budget Division has become the Communications, Information, and Resources Management Division (CIRMD). This division is streamlined

into three branches: Communications Services Branch, Resources Management Branch, and Information Management Branch.

The new *Economics, Methods, and Risk Analysis Division (EMRAD)* gives OSW the opportunity to reinvent its use of science, high quality data, economic impact information, and cost benefit analysis in the regulatory and policy development process. This division melds the former Technical Assistance Branch and the Regulatory Analysis Branch. It has one supervisor and no branches because of its small size.

The Hazardous Waste Management Division is now the *Hazardous Waste Minimization* and Management Division (HWMMD). Individuals have been realigned and the number of branches is reduced to three: Waste Treatment Branch, Waste Minimization Branch, and Analysis and Information Branch. The Special Wastes Branch has been incorporated into MISWD, which more accurately reflects the nature of the work.

#### More Information

The fact sheet is available in electronic format on the Internet through the EPA Public Access Server. For additional information, call the RCRA Hotline. Callers within the Washington Metropolitan Area must dial 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323 (hearing impaired). Long-distance callers may call 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672. The RCRA Hotline is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.



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